Sale of Children by Poor Parents

123. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been seized of incidents of sale of children, including new born, by poverty stricken parents in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such instances taken note of, year-wise during the last three years;

(c) the details of actions taken, if any, based thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of substantive steps contemplated, if any, by Government for providing social security to the children, particularly in those areas which stand identified as stricken by acute poverty, in order that children are not sold for money by their parents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) (a) to (d) Incidents of alleged sale of children in some parts of the country are sometimes highlighted by the media. Whenever such incidents have come to the notice of the Government, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, in consultation with the concerned State Government, have initiated action.

(e) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new schemes titled "Integrated Child Protection Scheme [ICPS]" which aims to put in place a comprehensive protective environment for children across the country.

Crime against women and children

†124. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of incidents of crime against women and children in various parts of the country has been relatively higher during the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are taking any concrete steps to check crimes against women and children or enacting any new law; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a)As per National Crime Bureau (NCRB), under Ministry of Home Affairs, the State and UT wise umber of cases registered and Rate of Crime for the offences of crimes committed against women and children during 2003 to 2005 are enclosed at Statement-I & II respectively. (*See* below) A total of 140601, 154333 and 155553 cases of crime against women were reported in the country during 2003 to 2005 showing a slightly rising trend. The crime rate of offences against women during the same period was 13.2, 14.2 and 14.1 respectively. A total of 11633, 14423 and 14975 cases of crime against children with crime rates 1.1, 1.3 and 1.4 were reported in the country during 2003 to 2005 respectively. Thus, both the incidence and rate of crime against children have shown a marginally increasing trend during 2003 to 2005.

(b) Enclosed at Statement-I and II (*See* below)

(c) As law and order is a State subject, Ministry of Home Affairs, from time to time issues advisories to all the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations, requesting them to give more focused attention on improving the criminal justice system, with a view to ensure prevention of atrocities against all vulnerable section of society, including women and children.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) is undertaking awareness generation sensitization and advocacy programmes for various stakeholders such as policy, judiciary prosecutors, medical officers, PRI representatives etc., on various issues relating to crimes against women and children.

The 'Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006' has been enacted in January, 2007. In addition a Bill on the prevention and redressal of sexual harassment of women at workplace is under consideration.

This Ministry is also considering a proposal for enactment of a legislation on Offences against Children (Prevention) Bill 2007 in consultation with Law Ministry. Amendments to Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act 1956 are under process where by more stringent penalties are imposed on traffickers.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Cases Registered (Rg) And Rate Of Crime (Rt) For The Crimes Committed Against Women During 2003 To 2005*

Sl. No.	State/Ut	2003		2004		2005	
		RG	RT	RG	RT	RG	RT
1.	Andhra Pradesh	18382	23.6	18921	24.0	20819	26.1
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	139	12.3	148	12.9	150	12.9
3.	Assam	5312	19.2	5700	20.2	6027	21.0
4.	Bihar	5900	6.8	8091	9.2	6019	6.7
5.	Chhattisgarh	3336	15.4	3763	17.0	3599	15.9
6.	Goa	121	8.5	132	9.0	121	8.0
7.	Gujarat	5735	10.9	6211	11.6	6343	11.7
8.	Haryana	4170	18.9	4276	19.1	4161	18.3
9.	Himachal Pradesh	729	11.7	823	13.0	793	12.4
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2164	20.2	2208	20.0	2144	18.9
11.	Jharkhand	2488	8.9	2490	8.8	2544	8.8
12.	Karnataka	5834	10.7	5423	9.9	6057	10.9
13.	Kerala	5653	17.3	6483	19.7	6762	20.3
14.	Madhya Pradesh	14547	23.0	15203	23.5	14529	22.0
15.	Maharashtra	11273	11.2	12169	12.0	13370	13.0
16.	Manipur	137	5.5	134	5.3	140	5.5
17.	Meghalaya	69	2.9	113	4.7	131	5.3
18.	Mizoram	147	15.9	91	9.7	95	10.0
19.	Nagaland	25	1.2	30	1.4	37	1.7
20.	Orissa	4946	13.1	5239	13.7	6249	16.1
21.	Punjab	2375	9.5	1955	7.7	1969	7.6
22.	Rajasthan	11812	19.9	13127	21.7	11657	18.9
23.	Sikkim.	37	6.6	49	8.6	62	10.8
24.	Tamil Nadu	8888	14.0	9332	14.5	8648	13.3
25.	Tripura	537	16.3	670	20.0	840	24.8
26.	Uttar Pradesh	12840	7.4	15485	8.7	14875	8.2
27.	Uttaranchal	886	10.0	988	11.0	786	8.6
28.	West Bengal	8508	103	11047	13.2	11887	14.0
	TOTAL (States):	136990	13.0	150301	14.1	150814	13.9
29.	A&N Islands	22	5.9	27	7.1	22	5.7
30.	Chandigarh	159	16.6	188	19.3	205	20.5
31.	D & N Haveli	13	5.6	22	9.2	24	9.8
32.	Daman & Diu	10	6.0	7	4.1	10	5.7
33.	Delhi	3282	22.1	3677	24.1	4351	27.6
34.	Lakshadweep	4	6.3	1	1.6	0	0.0
35.	Pondicherry	121	12.0	110	10.8	127	12.3
	TOTAL (Uts):	3611	20.5	4032	22.2	4739	25.4
	TOTAL (All-India):	140601	13.2	154333	14.2	15555	14.1

SOURCE: Crime In India

NOTE: *Rate of crime indic ates No.of crimes per one lakh of population

Statement-II

Cases Registered (Rg) And Rate Of Crime (Rt) For The Crimes Committed Against Children During 2003 To 2005*

Sl. No.	State/ut	2003		2004		2005	
		RG	RT	RG	RT	RG	RT
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1463	1.9	1328	1.7	950	1.2
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	18	1.6	22	1.9	22	1.9
3.	Assam	19	0.1	21	0.1	199	0.7
4.	Bihar	56	0.1	59	0.1	155	0.1
5.	Chhattisgarh	614	2.8	940	4.2	997	4.4
6.	Goa	57	4.0	53	3.6	53	3.5
7.	Gujarat	665	1.3	799	1.5	836	1.5
8.	Haryana	287	1.3	164	0.7	374	1.6
9.	Himachal Pradesh	109	1.7	92	1.5	131	2.1
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	49	0.5	35	0.3	57	0.5
11.	Jharkhand	35	0.1	112	0.4	97	0.3
12.	Karnataka	116	0.2	189	0.3	191	0.3
13.	Kerala	179	0.5	361	1.1	386	1.2
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2662	4.2	3653	5.6	3721	5.6
15.	Maharashtra	2001	2.0	2281	2.2	2305	2.2
16.	Manipur	36	1.5	31	1.2	20	0.8
17.	Meghalaya	46	1.9	43	1.8	81	3.3
18.	Mizoram	17	1.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
19.	Nagaland	0	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0
20.	Orissa	140	0.4	129	0.3	86	0.2
21.	Punjab	184	0.7	193	0.8	211	0.8
22.	Rajasthan	240	0.4	403	0.7	580	0.9
23.	Sikkim.	15	2.7	8	1.4	25	4.3
24.	Tamil Nadu	177	0.3	393	0.6	288	0.4
25.	Tripura	0	0.0	59	1.8	28	0.8
26.	Uttar Pradesh	1702	1.0	1921	1.1	1801	1.0
27.	Uttaranchal	23	0.3	56	0.6	76	0.8
28.	West Bengal	148	0.2	206	0.2	236	0.3
	TOTAL (States):	11058	1.1	13552	1.3	13866	1.3
29.	A&N Islands	6	1.6	14	3.7	8	2.1
30.	Chandigarh	40	4.2	66	6.8	57	5.7
31.	D & N Heveli	1	0.4	11	4.6	5	2.0
32.	Daman & Diu	61	3.6	2	1.2	5	2.9
33.	Delhi	516	3.5	766	5.0	1026	6.5
34.	Lakshadweep	1	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
35.	Pondicherry	5	0.5	12	1.2	8	0.8
	TOTAL (UTS):	575	3.3	871	4.8	1109	5.9
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA):	11633	1.1	14423	1.3	14975	1.4

SOURCE: Crime in india

NOTE: Rate of crime indicates No. of crimes per one lakh of population.